

# HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

## CHART: COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ACCELERATION, REVITALIZATION, AND TRANSFORMATION INVESTMENTS

### *CHARTING A COURSE FOR THE RIGHT CARE AT THE RIGHT TIME IN THE RIGHT PLACE*

**WHAT IS CHART?** Established through the Commonwealth's landmark cost containment law, Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, CHART is an investment program that will make phased awards to certain Massachusetts community hospitals to enhance their delivery of efficient, effective care. The goal of the program is to promote care coordination, integration, and delivery transformations; advance electronic health records adoption and information exchange among providers; increase alternative payment methods and accountable care organizations; and enhance patient safety, access to behavioral health services, and coordination between hospitals and community-based providers and organizations.

**WHO ARE CHART-ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS?** CHART eligibility is established through criteria specified through regulation and Chapter 224. Hospitals that receive CHART funds include non-profit, non-teaching community hospitals with relatively low prices. Thirty acute care hospitals, varying in size and affiliation and located across the Commonwealth, are currently eligible to receive funds in Phase 2 of the CHART program.

**WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PHASE 2 OF CHART?** The HPC is soliciting responses from eligible community hospitals for innovative, impactful initiatives that drive system transformation. Appreciating that community hospitals are diverse in size, geographic location, population need, financial health, affiliation with systems, and previous experience with investment funds, and accordingly have varied resource needs, the HPC has established a phased approach to investments. CHART Phase 2 is intended to accelerate the transformation of CHART Hospitals through focus on a set of outcome-oriented Primary Aims intended to drive better alignment of community hospital services and capabilities with the health and health care needs of the communities the hospitals serve. During CHART Phase 2, proposals will support one or more of three Primary Aims:

- Maximize Appropriate Hospital Use
- Enhance Behavioral Health Care
- Improve Processes to Reduce Waste and Improve Quality and Safety

**HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?** The HPC may award up to \$60 million for Phase 2 investments, out of the \$119.08 million in total funding available through the CHART Investment Program. Each CHART hospital can receive up to \$6 million in Phase 2 through Hospital-Specific and Joint Hospital Awards.

*"The purpose of the CHART Investment Program is to accelerate the transformation of health care in Massachusetts by keeping care in the community setting. We hope that the focused project aims, along with technology and planning requirements, will enable the Commonwealth's community hospitals to provide efficient, effective care that meets community needs."*

*Paul Hattis, MD, JD, MPH – HPC Commissioner*

